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RESPONSE AFTER FINAL REJECTION

This communication is in response to the Office Action dated January 6, 2010.

Remarks

Claims 1-58 are pending in the application.

Although the Office Action states that 38-52, 55, 56, and 58 are withdrawn from consideration, applicant believes this to be a mistake because applicant traversed the previously issued restriction requirement and the Office Action did not set forth any reasons as to why applicant's traversal and rational were incorrect. Furthermore, at best, these claims would be temporarily withheld from consideration, rather than withdrawn, since applicant will be entitled to consideration of these claims upon allowance of a generic claim.

Claims 1-9, 11, 13-18, 20-32, 34-37, 53-54 and 57 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by United States Patent No. 6,590,996 issued to Reed et al. on July 8, 2003.

Claims 10, 12, 19, and 33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Reed et al. in view of various other references.

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